BUILDING PERMITS COMPARED

RETURNS FOR THIRTY-FIVE CITIES.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR FIGURES	November 1916	December 1916	December 1915	Dec., 1916, compared with Dec., 1915. Increase+ Decrease− Amount	Per Cent.
CITIES	$	$	$	$	
Nova Scotia	121,185	61,020	129,708	−68,683	−52.92
Halifax	99,485	52,820	127,128	− 74,308	− 58.45
Sydney	21,700	8,200	2,580	+ 5,620	+217.83
New Brunswick	19,800	18,100	24,675	+ 6,575	− 26.65
Moncton	4,800	16,100	1,800	+ 14,300	+794.44
St. John	15,000	2,000	22,875	− 20,875	− 91.26
Quebec	1,847,255	487,384	2,246,391	−1,759,007	− 78.30
Maisonneuve	15,550	.....	7,000	− 7,000	.....
Montreal	865,530	298,000	2,044,425	−1,746,425	− 85.42
Quebec	783,875	89,069	113,016	− 23,947	− 21.19
Sherbrooke	20,000	88,500	6,000	+ 82,500	+1,375.00
Three Rivers	127,100	3,750	75,650	− 71,900	+ 95.04
Westmount	35,200	8,065	300	+ 7,765	+2,588.33
Ontario	1,632,193	3,817,600	1,071,712	+2,745,888	+256.21
Brantford	9,945	5,375	11,515	− 6,140	− 53.32
Fort William	4,225	15,000	800	+ 14,200	+1,775.00
Guelph	.....	43,750	2,710	+ 41,040	+1,514.39
Hamilton	183,420	112,445	76,470	+ 35,975	+ 47.07
Kingston	10,053	2,870	40,628	− 37,758	− 92.93
Kitchener	7,760	13,825	2,500	+ 11,325	+ 81.89
London	64,850	18,705	24,270	− 5,565	− 22.93
Ottawa	150,575	41,125	31,450	+ 9,675	+ 30.76
Peterborough	5,040	1,025	1,620	− 595	− 36.73
Port Arthur	3,454	6,272	1,076	+ 5,196	+482.89
Stratford	6,485	115	4,320	− 4,205	− 97.35
St. Catharines	57,470	36,145	50,570	− 14,425	− 28.52
St. Thomas	10,890	4,700	320	+ 4,380	+1,368.75
Toronto	948,026	3,428,848	696,863	+2,731,985	+392.04
Windsor	170,000	87,400	126,600	− 39,200	− 30.97
Manitoba	209,900	29,025	7,000	−22,025	+314.60
Brandon	16,500	125	1,200	− 1,075	− 89.58
Winnipeg	193,400	28,900	5,800	+ 23,100	+398.23
Saskatchewan	15,480	18,380	15,600	+ 2,780	+ 17.83
Moose Jaw	6,050	125	10,500	− 10,375	− 98.81
Regina	4,620	2,655	400	+ 2,255	+563.75
Saskatoon	4,810	15,600	4,700	+ 10,900	+231.91
Alberta	72,700	29,700	10,300	+19,400	+188.35
Calgary	38,400	9,200	7,550	+ 1,650	+ 21.85
Edmonton	34,300	20,500	2,750	+ 17,750	+645.45
British Columbia	112,495	311,940	43,915	+268,025	+610.33
New Westminst'r	4,725	1,700	1,335	+ 365	+ 27.34
Vancouver	100,695	286,365	27,180	+259,185	+953.59
Victoria	7,075	23,875	15,400	+ 8,475	− 55.03
Total	$4,031,008	$4,773,149	$3,549,301	+1,223,848	+35.04

MONEY MARKETS

Messrs. Glazebrook & Cronyn, exchange and bond brokers, Toronto, report exchange rates as follows:—

	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
N.Y. funds	7-16 pm	9-16 pm	¾
Mont. funds	Par	Par	⅛ to ¼
Sterling—			
Demand	4.77.50	4.78	4.80
Cable trans.	4.78.60	4.79	4.81

Rates in New York:—Sterling demand, 4.75 7-16.
Bank of England rate, 5½ per cent.

INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES

(DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR FIGURES)	No. of Commodities	Index Numbers Dec. 1916	Nov. 1916	Dec. 1915
I. Grains and Fodders:				
Grains, Ontario	6	276.2	285.6	184.2
" Western	4	241.1	263.9	165.0
Fodder	5	193.3	186.6	166.9
All	15	239.2	246.7	173.3
II. Animals and Meats:				
Cattle and beef	6	229.6	210.7	203.6
Hogs and hog products	6	230.8	220.3	175.2
Sheep and mutton	3	213.5	204.0	172.1
Poultry	2	264.1	233.9	206.3
All	17	231.3	215.6	188.3
III. Dairy Products	9	245.7	227.8	189.6
IV. Fish:				
Prepared fish	6	181.1	167.7	151.8
Fresh fish	3	178.7	178.6	162.0
All	9	180.3	171.3	155.2
V. Other Foods:				
(a) Fruits and vegetables				
Fresh fruits, native	1	220.6	216.4	69.3
Fresh fruits, foreign	3	114.5	118.5	100.7
Dried fruits	4	195.4	197.7	163.6
Fresh vegetables	5	346.2	317.5	211.1
Canned vegetables	3	178.3	176.0	108.1
All	16	227.0	217.3	156.6
(b) Miscellaneous groceries and provisions				
Breadstuffs	10	194.4	207.5	140.2
Tea, coffee, etc.	4	134.2	133.4	121.9
Sugar, etc.	6	181.6	179.2	147.5
Condiments	5	149.1	145.9	132.3
All	25	172.6	176.6	137.4
VI. Textiles:				
Woollens	5	238.9	237.6	200.7
Cottons	4	182.3	188.1	141.9
Silks	3	115.8	111.4	96.1
Jutes	2	381.4	330.1	250.9
Flax products	4	243.3	243.2	166.9
Oilcloths	2	139.8	139.8	118.7
All	20	214.3	209.4	163.3
VII. Hides, Leather, Boots and Shoes:				
Hides and tallow	4	433.8	335.7	207.4
Leather	4	232.7	226.8	174.3
Boots and shoes	3	220.7	220.7	162.4
All	11	302.5	264.7	183.1
VIII. Metals and Implements:				
Iron and steel	11	171.7	157.3	120.2
Other metals	12	220.7	230.4	207.0
Implements	10	150.9	148.7	114.8
All	33	189.3	181.3	150.1
IX. Fuel and Lighting:				
Fuel	6	191.4	181.8	129.9
Lighting	4	93.3	93.3	94.7
All	10	152.2	145.6	115.6
X. Building Materials:				
Lumber	14	185.3	184.1	174.5
Miscellaneous materials	20	180.4	167.3	123.9
Paints, oils and glass	14	210.8	206.6	169.7
All	48	190.7	183.7	152.0
XI. House Furnishings:				
Furniture	6	177.0	177.0	145.9
Crockery and glassware	4	209.0	209.0	170.3
Table cutlery	2	90.1	90.1	87.1
Kitchen furnishings	4	149.0	144.9	129.3
All	16	166.8	165.7	140.5
XII Drugs and Chemicals	16	230.1	231.8	228.1
XIII. Miscellaneous:				
Raw Furs	4	350.9	342.7	279.1
Liquors and tobacco	6	165.9	165.0	134.0
Sundries	7	153.6	149.9	123.5
All	17	244.6	200.6	163.8
All commodities	262*	204.8	198.4	161.1

* Nine commodities off the market, fruits, vegetables, etc. One line of spelter was dropped in 1915.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE—UNLISTED SECURITIES

Week Ended February 21st, 1917

Mines	Par Value	Sellers	Buyers	Sales
	$			
Porcupine Crown Mines, Ltd.	1	....	....	350
Miscellaneous				
British Can. Canners, Ltd.	100	....	....	....
" " bonds	500	....	....	....
Brompton	....	51	52	167
Can. Felt com.	100	....	....	....
" " pref.	100	....	....	....
Can. Light & Power	100	....	....	....
" " bonds	100	....	....	....
Can. Coal & Coke com.	100	....	....	....
" " bonds	100	....	....	....
Canadian Pacific Notes	20	....	....	....
Dominion Glass Co., Ltd.	100	25	23	121
Dominion Glass Co., Ltd. pref.	100	....	....	10
" " bonds	100	....	....	....
	....	....	....	....
	....	....	....	....
	....	....	....	....

Miscellaneous (Continued)	Par Value	Sellers	Buyers	Sales
	$			
Frontenac Breweries Co.	100	....	....	....
" " pref.	100	....	....	....
" " bonds	100	....	....	....
Howard Smith Paper Mills, Ltd.	....	....	....	....
Laurentide	100	58	....	....
" " bonds	100	....	....	....
Mexican Northern Power	100	....	....	....
" " bonds	100	....	....	....
Mexican Mahogany & Rubber Corp.	100	....	....	....
" " bonds	100	....	....	....
Mont. Tramway & Power Co.	100	39½	38	338
National Brick com.	100	....	....	....
" " bonds	100	....	....	....
Sherbrooke Railway & Power Co.	100	....	....	....
" " bonds	500	....	....	....
Western Can. Power	100	....	....	....
Wygmck	....	....	....	....
War Loan (fully paid)	100	....	....	....
War Loan (40% paid)	100	....	....	....
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